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Applicant's arguments, filed 3/28/2008, have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's remarks in the 2nd full paragraph on page 6 of the response, Examiner respectfully submits that the Tsuda reference teaches the discussed limitations. Although, as Applicant correctly notes, Tsuda describes intermittent toner conveying portions 7 as forming an intermittent spiral, it is clear from figure 5 that *not all* said portions form part of *the same spiral*. That figure shows adjacent conveying portions 7, which are not arranged on the same straight line or spiral orbit. Thus, contrary to Applicant's assertion, Tsuda does in fact teach this limitation.

Regarding Applicant's remarks in the 3rd full paragraph on page 6 of the response, it should be noted that the Isomura reference was not relied upon for the limitations Applicant discusses. Therefore this argument does not overcome the rejection.